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May 6, 2004

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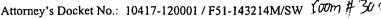
Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$86.00, for patent/serial number 10080823.

Because of the admendment you added 2 new Independent claims. This brings your total to 4 minus the 3 allowed and we charged you for one.

Sincerely,

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Applicant: Yoshinori Hino et al.

Art Unit : 2825

Serial No.: 10/080,823

Examiner: Phallaka Kik

US PATELLE LINE CONTROL CONTRO

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: February 21, 2002

Title

: PATTERN LAYOUT METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### REQUEST FOR REFUND

On or about October 29, 2003, Applicants filed a Reply to Action of August 01, 2003 in which no fees were due.

On November 10, 2003, a fee in the amount of \$86 was charged to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Accordingly, the charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 was improper, as all fees had previously been satisfied. Applicants respectfully request that the overcharge amount of \$86.00 be refunded to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050 as a credit.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Borodach

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